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1A0, SOV. MIL. ORDER OF MALTA. The 1A0KM showed up on April 25 just a day before the Dayton Hamvention. For some reason they were off the air the next two days and began again on the 27th. Activity has been SBB, CW and RTTY. Operation will last until 2000Z on May 1. QSL via IOIJ.

A5, BHUTAN. Jim Smith, VK9NS, and his wife, Kirsti, VK9NL, will be leaving for Bhutan on April 28. They should be operational May 1 and stay until May 15 or May 22. Keep your fingers crossed that nothing happens.

FR/T, TROMELIN. Remember Yoland's scheduled trip to Tromelin is this week May 5 to May 31. His callsign will be FR5AI/T, and QSL to Yoland's callbook address.

VP2E, ANGUILLA. K080, KB8WC and K8BL will return to Anguilla, VP2E, to operate again this year from May 1 to 7. This is 2/3 of the group that operated as VP2EOH last year and they hope to renew the VP2EOH call (KYFC). Operation will be about 2/3 SSB and 1/3 CW and will concentrate in the Gen/Tech portions of the bands. If an antenna situation allows for WARC operation they will operate on those bands. QSL via K8BL direct or via BUR0. All Non-SASE will be returned via the BUR0.

YI0VP, IRAQ CARDS. Tim, KQ8M, received a YI0VP card April 23 from DF3NZ. Tim worked YI0VP back in February 1989. A phone call to Don Search, W3AZD, at the ARRL DXCC Desk said, YI0VP counts for DXCC. Tim was extremely happy, because his contact was for 40 meters CW.

DXCC, DXAC and HAMVENTION NEWS. DX Forum started with Ted, K8NA, reviewing the past and present DXAC activity. Ted mentioned a vote will take place after the Hamvention on the DXCC status of the Penguin Islands. Ballots will be mailed out to the DXAC and the result should be out two weeks later. (By the way, Martti Laine, OH2BH, was at the Dayton Hamvention passing out ZS9Z/ZS1 cards for the Penguin Islands Dxpedition.) K8NA continued to say another vote will take place later in May on the change of Part 3 of the DXCC Country Criteria. After Ted's talk, Don Search, W3AZD, spoke on the backlog of the DXCC Desk. Don said as of Thursday, April 25, endorsements up to November 15 were done. After doing the September endorsements thing began to move alot faster and Don felt the backlog will be caught up by the end of the year. Don mentioned that 5R8JD and 3X1SG still do not count for DXCC

credit. Also mentioned was the documentation for Apollo SV2ASP/A was in the mail. (KYKC!) Don talked a little about the confusion of the SY/DJ6SI operation. He mentioned that Baldur, DJ6SI, could of been operating from a city named Athos and not from Mt. Athos. Hopefully, Baldur's documentation, Don said, will be acceptable. After Don was done, Ted, K8NA, took a survey to see how many people thought there were too many DXCC awards and if there should only be three basic awards (CW,SSB,MIXED). The vote seem to be 50/50, for and against. Another vote was taken after Ted said, "What if all the awards would be dropped on Monday, except for the basic three." The outcome of the vote was totally different, and this time the vote was 75 per cent against. It is highly unlikely for things to change, but it was an interesting survey. Many well-known DX'ers were on hand at the Hamvention. Just to name a few: 3D2OM, 3D2YL, 5H0TW, 9J8NK, 9K2CS, DL2BCH, F6EXV (who was handing out 708AA QSL cards), GW3CDP, OH2BH, OH1NX, VK3MO, ZL0AAE and the Colvins (W6KG & W6QL). Well another year gone..... Can't wait until next year!!

Good Luck on DX de KB8NW

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